

AMENDMENT  
Appl. No. 10/712,357

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 remain in the application, the claims having been editorially amended as requested by the examiner. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

All editorial issues raised by the examiner have been addressed by the amendments made above. The amendments are self-explanatory and no further discussion is needed.

A new declaration is submitted herewith.

If there are any issues remaining before the case is in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone exchange indicated below.

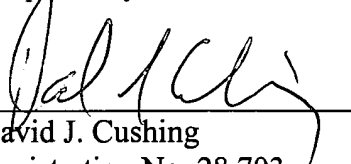
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